

November 12, 2021

The Honorable Cameron Sexton Speaker, Tennessee House of Representatives 425 Rep. John Lewis Way N., Suite 600 Nashville, TN 37243

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Dear Speaker Sexton:

I am allowing House Bill 76—the legislation regarding the local departments of health—to become law without my signature.

I understand and appreciate the General Assembly's concerns over the exercise of certain local authority during the pandemic; however, this bill requires significant updates to account for the non-pandemic functions of public health departments. I have discussed the necessary updates with you and Lt. Gov. McNally, and I appreciate your joint commitment to pursue these updates during the upcoming legislative session.

Meanwhile, however, I am allowing House Bill 76 to become law without my signature.

Respectfully,

Bill Lee

The Honorable Randy McNally, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate The Honorable Members of the 112th General Assembly